

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-5, 19-20, and 25 without prejudice.

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1-5. (Cancelled)

6-17. (Previously cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) A surgical tool for depositing material within living tissue, comprising:

a delivery tube for penetrating living tissue and delivering material to within living tissue;

B, an inner member held within the delivery tube to push material through the tube; [and]

a releasable lock operatively connected to the tube to selectively limit movement of the inner member relative to the tube[,] lock including outwardly biased arms and locking surfaces formed on fingers extending inwardly from the arms; and,

a tab formed on at least one of the fingers and operable to interlock with a hole on an opposing finger to hold the arms in a partially closed position.

19.-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) The surgical tool of claim [20] 18, wherein the locking surfaces are formed as part of holes on the fingers.

22. (Original) The surgical tool of claim 21, wherein the holes and fingers are sized such that limited or no contact occurs between the locking surfaces and the inner member, when the arms are squeezed toward one another to a fully squeezed position.

23. (Original) The surgical tool of claim 21, wherein the holes and fingers are sized such that frictional contact with the inner member occurs when the arms are squeezed toward one another to a fully squeezed position, so that the inner member may be locked in both the unsqueezed position and the fully squeezed position of the arms.

24. (Currently amended) The surgical tool of claim [20] 18, wherein the locking surfaces are approximately V-shaped.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Original) The surgical tool of claim 18, wherein the lock includes a spring for holding the lock in a biased, locking position.

27. (Cancelled)